in imports by drug companies having more than 10 per cent foreign equity operating in India?

(b) what was the production and value of production of each during the last three years; yearwise:

(c) what was the import and value of imports of each during the last three years yearwise: and

(d) what are the names of drugs which are exempted from price control at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a), (b) and (d) The names of drugs which have monopoly in production by drug companies having more than 10% foreign equity operating in India, production to the extent monitored by the Ministry and details of drugs exempted from price control are given in the Annexure. Value of production is not monitored by the Ministry. [*See* Appendix CLIX, Annexure No. 45]

(c) Quantity of imports and the value of imports of drugs, to the extent monitored by DGHS is given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix CLIX, Annexure No. 46]

Licence to produce Ceftazidine drug

1686. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any company is being licensed to produce Ceftazidine in the country;

(b) if so, names of the companies and licensed capacity;

(c) what was the production of the drug during the last two years, yearwise of each producer;

(d) whether it is a fact that Ceftazidine is being imported;

(e) if so, the names of the companies and what was the import made by each quantity and value wise during the last two years, yearwise;

(f) whether it is a fact that the drug attracts customs duty;

(g) if so, what is the percentage;

(h) whether it is also a fact that formulations based on Ceftazidine are exempted from custom duty;

(i) if so, since when;

(j) what are the names of companies importing formulations and what was the import of each during the last three years, yearwise; and

(k) when and what was the price fixed and at what price each injection is being sold?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. M/s. Glaxo has been given licence to manufacture Ceftazidine drug for a capacity of 590 Kgs. a year.

(c) Production of this drug is not monitored by the Ministry.

(d) No. Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) and (g) With effect from 25-7-1991 bulk drug Ceftazidine is exempt from customes duty. Prior to this, customs duty at the rate of 105.25% was levied on this drug.

(h) and(i) Yes, Sir, w.e.f. 10-8-1988.

(j) company wise import data is not being monitored by the ministry

(k) This is a non-scheduled formulation and therefore, outside price control under DPCO, 1987.

Computer readable texts of Sanskrit classics

1687. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are computer readable texts of Sanskrit classics like Mahabharata, Kumar Sambhava, etc. for further study;

(b) what is the yearwise plan to produce such computer readable Sanskrit texts; and

(c) which institutions would be involved and how much funding envisaged?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) There are no computer readable texts of Sanskrit classics like Mahabharata, Kumar Sambhava, etc.

(b) There is no proposal at present to produce such computer readable Sanskrit texts.

(c) Does not arise.

Import of ingredients by top 25-pesticides manufacturers

1688. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total percentage of import of ingredients with value and quantity by the top 25 pesticide manufacturers for the last three years, year-wise and company-wise;

(b) what is the net profit earned by these companies operating in India in the last 3 years;

(c) whether the quantity of import is increasing and if so, whether Government are taking any steps to stop this import for self-reliance; and

(d) what is the corresponding foreign exchange earnings of these companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d) The data/information are not available with the Ministry. It is considered that the time and effort involved in collection/compilation of the same would not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Black marketing of fertilisers in A.P.

1689. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) is it a fact that the fertilisers like 17:17:17, 19:19, 28:28 are available in black market in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken to check this black marketing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) The demand for complex fertilisers in the country is more than what can be met by indigenous production. The gap between the demand and total availability of complex fertilisers is met by the additional supply of phosphatic fertilisers. This, by and large, meets the agronomic requirements. Some reports have been received of late which referred to the sale of fertilisers on premium in Andhra Pradesh. The state government has been advised to keep watch on the situation and to ensure that the fertilisers are sold to farmers within the maximum statutory price as fixed by Government.

Providing Sanskrit Scholars for computer students

1690. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to provide competent Sanskrit Scholars to offer elective courses on Sanskrit Grammar, Nyaya, Mimmamsa, etc. for students of computer science;

(b) if so, details of the scheme and the curricula prepared or under preparation; and

(c) which technical institutions would be appropriate for such courses during eighth Five year plan so that Indian Lan-